

# Legion Serves An Ultimatum Upon Congress

## Four Alternate Forms for ex-Servicemen Outlined and Favorable Action Is Demanded Within 60 Days

### Means Outlay of Billions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—National Commander Franklin D'Olier announced today that the benevolent legislation and land and home aid committee of the American Legion, following a three-day session in Washington, had determined upon four alternative forms of help for the ex-servicemen and that the favorable action was desired within sixty days.

Members of Congress confess some surprise and even resentment that the Legion should thus serve them with what is in effect an ultimatum, but it is probable that the peremptory language of Mr. D'Olier's statement will at least result in early action one way or the other.

It is likely that a special committee will be made up in the House of five members each from the Interstate Commerce Committee, the Public Lands Committee, the Appropriation Committee and the Ways and Means Committee to deal with the legislation proposed by the Legion.

Four Sorts of Legislation

According to the program adopted the four sorts of beneficial legislation required are:

First—Land settlement projects covering all states.

Second—Home aid to encourage the purchase of either rural or city homes by ex-servicemen.

Third—Vocational education for all ex-servicemen.

Fourth—Adjustment of compensation or extra pay based on length of service.

It is intended that each ex-serviceman shall indicate which form of

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assistance he will choose to the exclusion of the others.

The first requirement means that the Lane land reclamation scheme shall be applied in every state. The second means that ex-servicemen who desire to purchase farms outside the reclamation projects or become the owner of a city home shall be financed by the government.

The third, which is entirely new, means that even service men who were not disabled, shall be entitled to vocational training. The fourth has been formulated already to mean the issuance of a \$50 bond to each service person for each month of service.

Altogether, the program will necessitate some very comprehensive legislation and expenditures running, ultimately, into the billions.

**The Legion's Attitude**

Mr. D'Olier made the following statement concerning the legion's position in respect to Congressional action:

"The American Legion, at its national convention, held in Minneapolis last November, called Congress's attention to the fact that, although a full year has elapsed since the armistice had been signed, practically nothing had been done for the ex-servicemen, especially those disabled during the war.

"It required a special meeting in Washington of the American Legion during December to secure satisfactory action by Congress for the disabled man, to the end that he would no longer be an object of private charity, but receive a square deal from his country.

"The American Legion has waited in vain for Congress to take action to relieve the financial disadvantages of ex-servicemen and women incidental to their military service, and is quite confident that although Congress has had its attention called to this matter it does not appreciate the urgency for immediate legislation, which will show that this government is fair and acting as fair with ex-servicemen and women as it always has been with the rest of the country."

# Federal Income Tax Questions

Answered for The Tribune by Morris F. Frey, assistant  
treasurer Guaranty Trust Company

Q.—D. B.: (1) In the amount of Federal income tax deductible from one's state income tax?

A.—(1) No.

(2) Under personal taxes allowable for deductions, does this include taxes paid for amusement, drug, wearing apparel, etc., and is it figured as an estimate for the entire year?

A.—(2) No.

(3) So-called "luxury taxes" are deductible when the tax is payable by the consumer. This is the case with the tax on amusements and drugs and also with respect to wearing apparel, which is taxed under Section 904 of the revenue act of 1918.

Q.—Veteran: Must I pay income tax to both state and Federal governments on my Civil War pension?

A.—Civil War pensions are subject to Federal income tax, but are exempt from state income tax.

Q.—S. F. J.: In the last few years I have regularly made out an income return. This year (1919) my income is less than \$2,000. Am I married. Having made return before, am I supposed to do so again despite my not having any tax to pay?

A.—No. A married man living with his wife on December 31, 1919, is not required to file a return if his net income is less than \$2,000.

Q.—R. C. P.: I am single and living away from home. Myself and two brothers, who are living at home, are supporting mother, father (who is mentally defective) and three sisters and two brothers, who are all under eighteen years of age.

A.—You are not entitled to deduct the inheritance tax in computing your net income. You are, however, entitled to deduct the property tax if it was not assessed for a local benefit which tends to improve the value of the property.

Q.—R. B.: I own a tenement house on which there is a mortgage. The mortgage fell due during the year 1919, and in order to prevent it from being foreclosed I had to pay a bonus of \$1,000 to have the mortgage renewed. Is this a deductible expense from gross income?

A.—Yes.

A.—The Treasury Department has recently

# P. P. C. Printing Facts

The three kinds of type in use today are ROMAN, *Italic*, and *Cext*. The first was copied from the ancient Roman inscriptions, the second from the commercial Italian handwriting of the middle ages, and the third from the ecclesiastical lettering used in the manuscript books before the invention of printing.

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R. A. Hayes Sent to Europe by Baker to Investigate Conditions

Ralph A. Hayes will sail on the New York for Southampton to-day to expedite the work of bringing back for burial the bodies of American soldiers killed in Europe during the war. Of the 77,000 American soldiers buried abroad, the remains of more than 25 per cent will never be brought back, because relatives have expressed a desire they be not disinterred.

"Of course, the graves of all the American soldiers have been registered," said Mr. Hayes at the Hotel Vanderbilt yesterday. "About 95 per cent are in France. The rest are scattered in North Russia, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Serbia and even in Spain. In France a number of permanent soldiers' cemeteries will be established. The work of disinterring the remains to all next of kin, asking for their wishes regarding the disposition of the remains. Their requests will be complied with. So far about 25 per cent have expressed a willingness that the bodies shall remain on the soil where they fell. About 10 per cent have not given a definite answer.

"The work of disinterring the remains and preparing for their shipment to America or to a permanent burial ground abroad is now well under way, under the direction of American military officers. My mission will be largely to report on the progress of the work."

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**Carnegie Hall, SATURDAY AFT., at 5:30, FEB'Y 28** **KREISLER** **Tickets now at Box Office.** **Direction C. A. Ellis. Steinway Piano.** **AEOLIAN HALL, THIS AFTERNOON at 3** **GENIA FONAROVA** **SONG RECITAL (Mason & Hamlin Piano)** **AEOLIAN HALL, To-morrow (Fri.) Ev., at 8:15** **DEMUTH WILLIAMS** **Mgt. Antonia Sawyer, Inc., Aeolian Bldg.**

**WINTER GARDEN** Theatre, W. 42d St. Eves. 8:30. Mat. Sat. Monday & Wed. 2:30. **Next MONDAY Afternoon** AT 2:30. **THE SEASON'S MUSICAL TRIUMPH**

**MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE** The Messenger-Tarkington Musical Gem. Washington's Hitherto Matinee Monday. **ATOP NEW AMSTERDAM THEATRE AT 11:30** **ZIEGFELD MID-NIGHT FROLIC** **CHARLES DILLINGHAM'S** **THE NIGHT BOAT** **Jerome Kern's Best Tunes** Eves. 8:30. Mat. Sat. & Monday.

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### UNPARALLELED PROGRAM

Blanche Bates, Billie Burke, Fay Bainter, Janet Beecher, Fanny Brice, Ruth Chatterton, Ina Claire, George Copeland (The Distinguished Pianist), N. Y. Police Glee Club, Comprising 100 Members.

These artists will positively appear in new and original features as a **TESTIMONIAL TO THE ACTORS' FIDELITY LEAGUE** **SEATS NOW ON SALE. PRICES \$1.00 TO \$5.00**

**KNICKERBOCKER** B'way, 44 St. Eves. 8:30. Mat. Sat. Monday & Wed. 2:30. **LAURETTE TAYLOR** **"One Night in Rome"** **GLOBE "Apple Blossoms"** **COHAN & HARRIS** **"The Acquittal"** **LYCEUM** Theatre, West 45th St. Eves. 8:30. Mat. Sat. Monday & Wed. 2: